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Tenth and Eleventh Reunions of the Pike Family

In 1938 the following notice was sent to all members of the Pike Family Association to the addresses last known, and to a number of other Pike descendants known to be interested in the family:

March 10, 1938.

To the Members of the Pike Family Association:

A Meeting of the Pike Family Association will be held on Tuesday, May 3rd, 1938, at Hotel Statler, Boston, Massachusetts, for the purpose of re-organization, election of officers, and transaction of other business.

During the long interval since the last gathering of the clan many changes have occurred and it will be necessary to decide upon plans for future activity.

The first session will be called at 10:30 A. M., Lunch at 1:00 P. M., the business meeting continuing at 2:30 P. M., until 5:00 P. M.

Kindly return the enclosed postal card with notation as to whether we may expect you or not, also state whether you wish us to make luncheon reservation; for which the cost will be 75 cents each.

Come if you can and help in the plans; if impossible to be present, please send suggestions; in any event be sure to return the post card.

FRANCES DICKERMAN NOYES,
Secretary.

In response to this call about fifty members, old and new, gathered at the Hotel Statler on May third. The President, Mr. Herbert A. Pike, presided, called the meeting to order and welcomed the members:

Members of the Pike Family Association, friends and kinsmen:

It is with pleasure that we of Boston and of Massachusetts Bay Colony greet you and give you a most hearty welcome.

Many years have passed and numerous changes have taken place since we met at the old American House on Hanover Street, changes in the city, state and nation, and especially among members of the Pike clan. The loss of our honored Secretary, Dr. Clifford L. Pike, and the destruction of his records, was a stunning blow. Really it was a catastrophe; and it is only recently that we have found courage to effect a re-organization. Hence this meeting today, and we are much encouraged by the interest shown by members and would-be members from all over the country.

We should be, and I know we are all proud of being the descendants of such illustrious ancestors. They were sturdy, honest, God-fearing men and women, ready at all times to fight for the right.

When we look over some of the outstanding figures we see such names as John Pike, the first settler of Newbury, and his stalwart sons Captain John and Major Robert; Colonel Zebulon of the Revolution, and his son Brigadier-General Zebulon Montgomery Pike, who was killed in the war of 1812. There are many more too numerous to mention in the limited time we have this morning.

We will now proceed to the business before us. We will listen first to the call for the meeting, and the report of the faithful Secretary.

The Secretary, Mrs. Frances Dickerman Noyes, read her report which was accepted, and was as follows:

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

The last meeting of the Pike Family Association was held at the Parker House in Boston, December 7, 1916, in response to the following call:

November 8, 1916.

To the Members of the Pike Family Association:

The Biennial Meeting of the Pike Family Association will be held on Thursday, December 7, at the Parker House in Boston.

The first session for the transaction of routine business will be called at 10:45 A. M. Other business will be taken up at the afternoon session. Final action will at this time be taken upon the proposed change in By-laws regarding membership, notice of which was given in the 1914 report.

A definite proposition will be presented from Mrs. C. L. Pike with reference to records compiled by Dr. Pike.

If you are unable to attend this reunion we would earnestly urge that you send some message, if only a word of greeting, and forward same promptly. We would like to hear from every member.

FRANCES C. DICKERMAN,
Secretary.

At that last meeting there was less than a quorum of twenty-five present and therefore no business could be transacted.

An informal business meeting was held at which the President, Mr. Herbert A. Pike, presided, and the reports of Secretary and Treasurer were read.

Plans were talked over and a social time was enjoyed by the few members who were present. The most important part of the discussion was in connection with the securing of the Pike records in the hands of Mrs. Clifford L. Pike. Mrs. Pike was present and expressed herself as desirous of co-operating with the Pike Family Association in an effort to utilize the genealogical data which had been collected by Dr. Clifford L. Pike, at the expense of the

Association and himself. However, after considerable conversation it became evident that Mrs. Pike was less interested in co-operating with the Association for the completion and publication of the records than she was in securing for herself as much cash as possible. Inasmuch as all the funds of the Association, and some special contributions of members, had been expended in the genealogical work of Dr. Pike, it did not seem fair for Mrs. Pike to claim the records, yet realizing the importance of securing them the Association made various suggestions of offers and tried in vain to persuade her to co-operate in some plan or to turn the papers over to the Association accepting certain payments and royalties. She refused all offers and the only proposals she would make in return were most unreasonable. Finally the matter was left that Mrs. Pike would think over carefully the final offer of the Association, which was as liberal as they dared make, with regard to certain payment for her rights in the manuscripts, the Association to take over the completion and publication of the Pike Family History and pay a certain royalty to her. She was to report her decision as soon as possible to the President in order that the matter might be settled, and promised she would advise him promptly. So far as the Secretary knows, nothing was heard from Mrs. Pike, and the next report that reached us was that Mrs. Clifford Pike was dead and that the genealogical records, upon the assembling of which Dr. Pike had spent so many years of interested labor, had been burned by her executor, in ignorance of the value of the papers. Also valuable manuscripts and relics loaned for Dr. Pike's use in publishing pamphlets and the Pike Family History have disappeared, presumably destroyed at the same time as the genealogical records. These serious losses have apparently had the effect of benumbing the Association.

After the United States entered into the World War conditions were such that it was deemed unwise to attempt any gatherings of the Pike Family Association and they were given up indefinitely.

Since the close of the War there has been little effort to

renew the activities of the Association but during the past few years some new members have joined the seemingly dead organization, refusing to be discouraged by its lifeless appearance, and have expressed a real interest in the renewal of its activities. It has therefore seemed wise to call another gathering of the clan to decide just what shall be done with regard to the resuming of regular meetings and the carrying on of the genealogical work.

Naturally during the years since our last meeting many of our older members have passed to the life beyond, many others have moved to new addresses and we have been unable to reach them. We miss the friendly presence and deep interest of those early members and can only hope their descendants will manifest a similar interest in the Family.

In spite of the inactive condition of the Association your Secretary reports the addition of twenty-eight members, including one life member, between December 5, 1916, and March 1, 1938, and thirty-one new members between March 1 and May 1, 1938.

New Members since December 5, 1916 up to March 1, 1938

Rev. W. A. Ayres	Wichita, Kansas
Mrs. Harriman C. Dodd	Auburn, Mass.
Miss Mildred A. F. Dunn	Nutley, N. J.
Mrs. Harry Gardner	Clarksburg, W. Va.
Mrs. Wilma Hatch Lee	Miami Beach, Florida
Charles T. Hendrick	Chicopee Falls, Mass.
Arthur C. Jones	Los Angeles, California
Mrs. Frank R. Melcher	Madison, Wisconsin
Mrs. Leona A. Pike Noble	Burbank, California
H. E. Noyes	Newtonville, Mass.
Mrs. H. E. Noyes	Newtonville, Mass.
Mrs. Edith Pike Noyes	West Newton, Mass. (deceased)
Mrs. Kathreen Noyes Pettit	Framingham Centre, Mass.
Miss Eleanor Scott Page	Lawrence, Mass.
Miss Deborah Helen Pike	Pike, N. H.
F. H. Pike	New York City
Miss Hattie A. Pike	Fryeburg, Maine
James Burbank Pike	Jacksonville, Florida

Dr. Leslie E. Pike	Long Beach, California
Mrs. Sarah M. Pike	Minneapolis, Minn.
Victor M. Pike	Oakland, California
Miss Wilma Blythe Pike	Fremont, Nebraska
Mrs. James G. Pollock	Seattle, Wash. (deceased)
Dr. Charles W. Reynolds	Covington, Kentucky
Mrs. Arthur Sanderson	Minneapolis, Minn.
Mrs. Merrill A. Smith	Newbury, Vermont
Mrs. Marjorie S. Robertson	Phillipsburg, Kansas

Life Member

Wm. D. MacQuesten	Mt. Vernon, N. Y.
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New Members from March 1 to May 1, 1938

Mrs. Frederic B. Abbott	Lynn, Mass.
Miss Ruth H. Allen	Danvers, Mass.
John Herbert Barker	North Cambridge, Mass.
Mrs. W. W. Bigelow	Merrimacport, Mass.
Mrs. George C. Colburn	Newton, Mass.
Miss Ellen Elizabeth Dole	Haverhill, Mass.
Edward W. Eaton	Newburyport, Mass.
Calvin Fletcher	Logan, Utah
Mrs. Charles E. Hayford	Marlborough, Mass.
Mrs. Roscoe M. Packard	West Newton, Mass.
Mrs. Albert Pike	Boston, Mass.
Charles H. Pike	Waltham, Mass.
Mrs. Charles H. Pike	Waltham, Mass.
G. G. Pike	Columbia, S. C.
Miss Helen Abbott Pike	East Rochester, N. H.
John C. Pike	Arlington, Mass.
Leonard M. Pike	Dorchester, Mass.
Louis T. Pike	Pike, N. H.
Miss Martha W. Pike	Boston, Mass.
Dr. Maurice M. Pike	Hartford, Conn.
Mrs. Maurice M. Pike	Hartford, Conn.
Mrs. R. C. Rendell	Waterbury, Conn.
Miss Kay Robertson	Evanston, Illinois
Mrs. Herman F. Robinson	Wollaston, Mass.
Galen B. Russell	Richmond, Missouri
Mrs. Harry W. Sawin	Southborough, Mass.
Mrs. Arthur Parker Smith	Peterborough, N. H.
Mrs. Fred R. Smith	Newton Centre, Mass.

Mrs. Charles W. SpaldingBoston, Mass.
 Mrs. George W. TowneDanvers, Mass.
 Mrs. Henry A. WebsterNorth Andover, Mass.
 Mrs. M. Edgar YeagerNeedham, Mass.

Counting all new members to 1938, and the members from whom we have received acknowledgments of the notices sent out March 10, 1938, we have on the membership list 115.

We will doubtless be able to get in touch with some others of the older members who will be interested in the reorganized Association, but until we hear from them it seems best to keep them on the inactive list. Considerable interest has been manifested by some of the members responding to the call, and extracts will be read from such letters later.

At the present time we have on hand the following supplies available to members at prices quoted:

9 Coats of Arms, painted	
7 Coats of Arms, lithographed	
558 Pike Crest Pins	} This is the balance of a large stock purchased many years ago.
148 Pike Crest Buttons	
6 boxes small note paper with coat of arms in color	
4 boxes large note paper with coat of arms in color	

At the Secretary's desk you will find samples of these various articles should you wish to see them.

Several hundred copies of Records are on hand, there still being available some of the earliest Records, which will be issued to new members as long as the supply lasts.

There is also among the supplies a box of electrotypes which Dr. Clifford Pike had made for the booklet on Pikes Peak Centennial, the manuscript of which I understood he had prepared but did not publish before his death, and evidently it was destroyed with his other papers and records. Possibly some of these electrotypes may be used to advantage in the publication of some future reports.

We have had a set of proofs made from the electrotypes and half-tones, hoping some members might help us in properly naming the pictures as most of them are unmarked. This proof sheet will be found at the Secretary's desk.

I realize as fully as you can that you should have some one in the position of Secretary who is better posted genealogically and who can give you more assistance, and at this meeting I am sure you can select such a one who can render real service along this line.

And now for a personal word of greeting, just among the Family. You all like to look back along the lines of your own particular family branch and call to mind the Pikes who have done most worthily in private and public life—and they are to be found in all lines. Best of all, the excellent qualities of those ancestors are still alive and active in living Pikes. Trying times are upon us and we know not what the future may have in store but we do know that now, as much as ever in the history of our Country, true men of honor are needed—steadfast in purpose and unflinchingly loyal as were our Pilgrim Fathers where principle is at stake,—and here and now is where Pike blood should prove its value.

If you cannot get all your genealogy straightened out to your satisfaction, and connected up with the right ancestors, you can at least make sure of doing your best to see that your generation goes down in history as one of which your descendants can be proud, and you can keep your own records so carefully that following generations will not have to do so much guess-work.

Now once again I want to assure you of my appreciation of all the courtesy and friendliness shown me through the years by the members of the Association. I hope the reorganized Association may move forward to real accomplishment that shall give you all a feeling of pride and satisfaction not only in your Pike name but in the Pike Family Association.

FRANCES DICKERMAN NOYES,
Secretary

Mrs. Noyes, in her capacity as Treasurer, then read the Treasurer's report, which was accepted.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

To the Pike Family Association:

Your Treasurer begs to submit the following report.

Due to various happenings since the last meeting, such as floods, fires, and moving from one place to another, which have resulted in the misplacement of some files, your Treasurer is unable to give you exact figures in full detail, but can give you exact figures as to total monies received and expended.

From December 7, 1916 to March 1, 1938

RECEIVED

For membership fees, and dues, including one life membership, for stationery, coat of arms and pins, and for interest on deposited funds	\$440.44
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EXPENDED

For coat of arms note paper, and other stationery	\$81.49	
For Treasurer's bond	25.00	
For printing 1916 notices, membership record cards, postage, and incidentals	35.06	
For express on records from Pike, N. H. to West Newton, Mass.	17.78	159.33
		281.11
Balance on hand December 5, 1916		464.41
		745.52
On deposit in Capital Savings and Trust Co., Savings Dept., March 1, 1938	511.44	
On deposit with same in checking account	209.65	
On hand in currency	24.43	
	745.52	745.52

In March, 1921, Miss Elizabeth Davis, knowing she could live but a short time, arranged to have the fund for the Major Robert Pike Memorial turned over to the Treasurer of the Pike Family Association.

This fund was in the Institution for Savings in Roxbury and the amount at the time Miss Davis turned over the Savings Bank book was \$737.45. The fund has been kept intact in the same Savings Bank, and on April 11, 1938, according to the Savings Bank book which I had made up at the time, amounted to \$1,423.98.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANCES DICKERMAN NOYES,

Treasurer.

The President then proposed a rising vote of thanks to Mrs. Noyes for her efficient and faithful work for the Association over all the years. This was enthusiastically given.

Then the President appointed the following committees:

Nominating Committee: Mrs. Clara Pike Stowe,
Mrs. Herbert A. Pike, and Mr. Charles H. Pike.

Resolutions Committee: Mrs. Roscoe M. Packard, Mrs.
Edwin B. Pike, and Mr. Alexander Pike.

The Secretary gave the names of the many who sent notes of acknowledgment and regret, extracts from some of which were read.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther H. Pike of Manchester, N. H., returned their card, with the notation that he was eighty-six on May second, and she was eighty-three on April ninth; Mrs. George Humphrey of Ipswich regretted exceedingly not being able to attend on account of absence from home and asked if we could not have a meeting every year; Dr. Frank A. Smith of Lebanon, N. H. acknowledged from Florida, and said he was glad the meetings were being revived and he would attend when possible; news of his sudden death had recently come; Mrs. James L. Lee and Mr. Frank M. Chapin also sent regrets from Florida, and would not be North by the time of the meeting.

Mrs. Elizabeth Goodrich Jordan, of Bingham, Maine, acknowledged the notice for her mother who was no longer living, and she continued that she realized that when anyone is trying to put through anything of this sort, it helps to know whether the people one wishes to make contact with are still with us, and she therefore offered to give any facts of interest about the family in that section; Judge Harry B. Ayer of Saco, Maine, sent his regrets and best wishes; Dr. Maurice M. Pike, of Hartford, said it was a great disappointment to him but he would be attending a medical meeting at Atlantic City at the time.

Rev. R. Vernon Pike, of Iowa, as spokesman for the unusually large number of members in his branch of the family, the rela-

tives of Gen. Zebulon M. Pike, said that on the day before they had held a family reunion on short notice when members came from six different places; that they all were very glad of the re-organization plans, and regretted their inability to be with us; he suggested that some form of regional jurisdiction might be developed, and some means provided for a representative to attend the general meeting.

Mrs. Jennie Pike Tower of Holyoke, Mass., Miss Martha W. Pike of Boston, Mrs. William V. Hornick of Iowa, Mrs. John Chandler of Westford, Mass. regretted they were unable to attend on account of illness.

NEW OFFICERS

The Nominating Committee made its report as follows:

President, Mr. Herbert A. Pike of Brookline, Mass.

Vice-Presidents, Judge Harry Bennett Ayer, Saco, Maine

Dr. Maurice M. Pike, Hartford, Conn.

Mr. Eugene F. McPike, San Diego, Cal.

Miss Nellie F. Bennett, Boston, Mass.

Mr. E. Bertram Pike, Pike, N. H.

Rev. R. Vernon Pike, Killduff, Iowa

Mr. Gilbert G. Pike, Columbia, S. C.

Secretary, Mrs. Roscoe M. Packard, West Newton, Mass.

Treasurer, Mrs. H. K. Noyes, West Newton, Mass.

Board of Directors, (with the President, First Vice-President and Secretary) Mrs. Cora Pike Stowe, New York, Mrs. Annie Pike Gibbons, Amesbury, Mass., Mr. H. E. Noyes, Newtonville, Mass., and Mr. Charles H. Pike, Waltham, Mass.

It was moved and seconded that the Secretary be instructed to cast a ballot for these officers collectively. This was done and they were declared elected.

The Resolutions Committee reported the following resolution, which was accepted:

Whereas, This Association is once more called upon to note the passing away of our late members who have been associated with us in the work of the Association, but who now have been called to their reward.

Resolved, That this Association mourns the loss of our late members, and that we join with their several families in deep feeling of sorrow and affliction.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be placed upon the records of this Association.

A resolution was also adopted That the matter of the Robert Pike Memorial Fund be left in the hands of the Directors for consultation with the Salisbury Committee, or a new Salisbury Committee to be chosen, and that the Directors be given power to decide upon the disposition of the fund.

The meeting then adjourned for luncheon.

In the afternoon there was a short business session and a meeting of the Directors. It was decided to remit all dues for the period when the Association was inactive; and to hold the next regular meeting on May third, 1939, at the Statler.

The monument and gravestone which have been erected to Major Robert Pike were described by Mrs. Gibbons, and there was some discussion of the possible purchase of an old house. It was decided to await more definite information and keep the fund intact until the next meeting.

The meeting then adjourned, and the remainder of the afternoon was spent in becoming better acquainted.

There were thirteen present who had attended previous reunions, of them, ten who were among the original members of the Association: Miss Nellie Bennett, Mrs. Annie Pike Gibbons, Mrs. Katherine Pike Kelly, Mrs. Olive Pike Lincoln, Dr. A. Stanley Pike, Mrs. Edwin B. Pike, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert A. Pike, and Mrs. Cora Pike Stowe.

There were added to the Association on May second, and on May third at the meeting, the following members:

Mrs. George S. Eaton	Salisbury, Mass.
Mrs. Edward C. Gibbons	Watertown, Mass.
Mrs. Frank Hardy	Brookline, Mass.
Mr. and Mrs. Frederick V. Noone	Newburyport, Mass.
Mr. Alexander Pike	Salisbury, Mass.
Mrs. Arthur G. Pike	Chelsea, Mass.
Mr. Edward William Pike	Salisbury, Mass.
Mrs. Emma M. Pike	Salisbury, Mass.
Mrs. George W. Pettingill	Salisbury, Mass.
Mrs. Franklin O. Poole	Jefferson Valley, N. Y.
Mrs. Charles R. Sibley	Marblehead, Mass.
Mrs. Karl Switzer	Waban, Mass.

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